

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M:26/

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Bernard E. Welsh House
other Hartley House

2. Location

street and number 103 Forest Avenue not for publication
city, town Rockville vicinity
county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name G.V. and J.G. T. Harlery.
street and number 107 Forest Avenue telephone
city, town Rockville state MD zip code 208750

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Judicial Center liber 9304 folio 343
city, town Rockville tax map GR33 tax parcel tax ID # 00159172

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☒ Other: Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd.

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource	Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

One hundred-three Forest Avenue, at the corner of Forest and Harrison, is a one and a half story crossed gabled house.

Ashlar Stone provides a foundation for the wood framed, clapboard structure. The principle elevation (west) is dominated in the center by the large projecting cross gable. Its roofline is higher than the gable it crosses, which runs north-south. This central bay is asymmetrical in many regards. The roofline on the north drops much further down than the south roof. The front door to one side of the bay has a small door gable supported by two wood columns. Paired windows are next to the doorway and above them a single window. Windows on each side of the bay, while similar in pattern, are completely different in size (height) from each other as well as from those on the center bay.

The rear (east) elevation, like the west side, is dominated by the projecting cross gable. The door directly opposite from the front door opens to a raised screen porch, with a metal shed roof. The upper-story windows are double-sashed paired windows similar to those on the front central bay, while those on the ground floor are smaller double-sashed windows. Windows on the rear side bays are exactly the same as their respective bays on the front elevation. A dormer extends from the north bay to the rear elevation.

In addition to the rear porch, a large side porch extends from the north side. A small raised stoop with roof is found on the south side. Three columns support the shallow roof over the large open porch. The projecting brick chimney divides the north elevation in the middle of the gable.

The ground level (porch level) presents a doorway to one side and window to the other side. Up higher, small quarter segmented windows are set to each side of the chimney. The roof fabric is green slate. Roof planes on both bisecting gables flair out in the lower few feet.

Besides a grounded Cadillac (circa 1963), the only other structure is the diagonally situated two bay, wood framed garage at the south side of the lot. Entrance to the garage and the house's south side door is through two brick piles near the edge of Forest Avenue. The grounds and landscaping look rather neglected.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local History</u>	

Specific dates	1921	Architect/Builder	
Construction dates	1921		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register (1999)

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Significance

The house at 103 Forest Avenue was built between 1921 and 1922 by Barnard F. Welsh. Dr. Gilbert Hartley, owner since 1924, says in oral history tapes (ten years old), that the house was built in 1925. I believe this is incorrect as Welsh (the owner before Hartley) was assessed \$1,300 for improvements on this lot in 1921. Whoever designed this house attempted a sophisticated interplay between symmetrical and asymmetrical compositional elements. It is significant as part of the rich architectural texture and European references to be found in Rockville after the First World War.

History

Tax Map GR33 showing 103 Forest Avenue Lot 10, Block 17 Bealls Subdivision

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Equity, Tax, and Plat Records.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 19,475 square feet

Acreage of historical setting same

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale:

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 10 Block 17 of Beall's Subdivision Corner of Forest and Harrison Street.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	1986: Johnathan Dodge 2002: Eileen McGuckian, update		
organization	Peerless Rockville	date	September 2001
street & number	P.O. Box 4262	telephone	301-762-0096
city or town	Rockville	state MD	20849-4262

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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